

What We've Accomplished Together



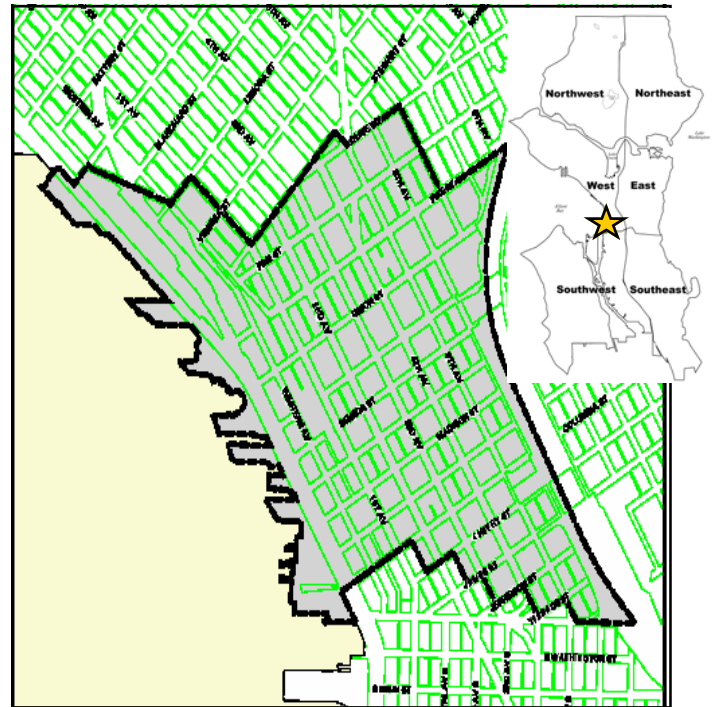
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Neighborhood: Commercial Core

Plan Adopted: 1999

Key Elements:

1. Downtown Land Use Code Changes
2. Center City Urban Design Strategy
3. Downtown Parks Management, Programming & Maintenance



Commercial Core Neighborhood Plan
Area
West Sector

What happened in 2002

- **Draft Center City Urban Design Plan** - The draft plan was completed. It included an open space design concept, the “Blue Ring”, loosely based on the historic Olmsted Seattle Parks Plan. This 100-year vision is the first part of a strategy for the public spaces for Center City Seattle.
- **Downtown Land Use Code** - Completed Environment Impact Statement and consultant report for Downtown Land Use Code changes to increase height and density limits in the Downtown Office Core Zones as proposed in the Commercial Core Plan.
- **Downtown Park Strategy** - A strategy to better manage Downtown Parks was completed, and creation of a Downtown Parks Advisory Council model was recommended by the Parks Department as the most effective way to implement the strategy. The new model will allow for better coordination of maintenance and management and scheduling of neighborhood events.
- **Center City Wayfinding Project** - Seattle CityDesign hired a consultant for the Center City Wayfinding Project to complete design of the wayfinding system, including specifications for signage based on reviews of an earlier demonstration program. The wayfinding project will create a new system of auto, pedestrian and neighborhood directional signs for the Center City area.

What's Upcoming In 2003

- **Zone Change Recommendations** - Complete work on Downtown Land Use Code Change Recommendations and submit to City Council for action.
- **Downtown Parks Advisory Council** - Form a Downtown Parks Advisory Council and continue efforts to coordinate management, maintenance and programming of neighborhood related events and activities.
- **Center City Wayfinding Program Design Phase** - Complete the design of the Center City Wayfinding program and identify additional funding for ongoing implementation of the new wayfinding system. A full scale mock-up of a neighborhood wayfinding kiosk will be constructed and tested in South Downtown in the vicinity of King Street and Union Station on South Jackson Street.



Wayfinding Demonstration Program Sign

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